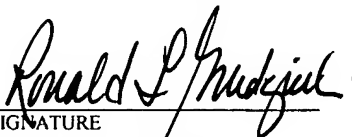


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| FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br><br><b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER<br>47231-5005<br><br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) 37 CFR 1.5<br>NEW <b>10/550711</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP2004/004282                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>March 26, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>March 27, 2003                                                                        |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>LIPID-IMPROVING AGENT AND COMPOSITION CONTAINING LIPID-IMPROVING AGENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                                                                |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Kengo AKIMOTO, Harukazu FUKAMI, and Toshinao GODA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |                                                                                                                |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             |                                                                                                                |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has not expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or a declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4))</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |                                             |                                                                                                                |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                             |                                                                                                                |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) PCT Request</li> <li>(b) PCT/IB/311</li> <li>(c) PCT/ISA/210 dated July 10, 2004</li> <li>(d) Front page of International Publication No. WO 2004/085582</li> <li>(e) PCT/IB/308</li> <li>(f) PCT/IB/332</li> <li>(g) PCT/IPEA/409</li> </ol> </li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |                                                                                                                |

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| U.S. APPLICATION (If known, see 37 CFR 1.51)<br><b>10/550711</b><br>NEW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP2004/004282                            |            | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER<br>47231-5005 |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |                                                                               |            | Calculations                         | PTO use only |
| The following fees are submitted:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national Fee ..... \$ 300.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                                                                               |            | \$ 300.00                            |              |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$ 100.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| All other situations ..... \$ 200.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |                                                                               |            | \$ 200.00                            |              |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$ 100.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$ 400.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| All other situations ..... \$ 500.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |                                                                               |            | \$ 400.00                            |              |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |                                                                               |            | <b>\$900.00</b>                      |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium).<br>The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| Total Sheets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Extra sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE       |                                      |              |
| 59- 100 =                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0/50 =       | 0                                                                             | × \$250.00 | \$0.00                               |              |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                                                                               |            | \$ 0.00                              |              |
| CLAIMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA                                                                  | RATE       |                                      |              |
| Total claims                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 49-20 =      | 29                                                                            | X \$50.00  | \$ 1,450.00                          |              |
| Independent claims                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4 - 3 =      | 1                                                                             | X \$200.00 | \$ 200.00                            |              |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                                                               |            | + \$360.00                           | \$ 0.00      |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |                                                                               |            | <b>\$ 2,550.00</b>                   |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                                                               |            | <b>\$2,550.00</b>                    |              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                                                               |            | +                                    | \$0.00       |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                                                               |            | <b>\$ 2,550.00</b>                   |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                                                               |            | +                                    | \$           |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                                                                               |            | <b>\$2,550.00</b>                    |              |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$2,550.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-0573</u> in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0573</u> .<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>CUSTOMER NO.: 55694<br>DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP<br>1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 1100<br>Washington, D.C. 20005-1209<br>Tel: (202) 842-8800<br>Fax: (202)-204-0289                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |
| <br>SIGNATURE<br>NAME: Ronald L. Grudziecki<br>REGISTRATION NUMBER: 24,970<br>DATE: September 26, 2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                                                                               |            |                                      |              |